



Panorama parks receiving needed facelift

Mothers and grandmothers can move mountains, as we are currently seeing with a volunteer program led by new Panorama resident Peggy Marquardt to renovate and upgrade our 50-year old City parks. Peggy noticed that several of our parks were rundown and not terribly user-friendly when she moved here in March and started taking her grandchildren to play at the parks on Thunderbird and Indian Creek.

"The playground equipment on Thunderbird is not shaded, and the sun made it too hot for small children to enjoy," Peggy said. Plus, our assortment of equipment was designed for younger children and there wasn't much for her 8-year old granddaughter. Conversely, the equipment at Apache Park on Indian Creek was great for the older child, but there wasn't anything for her 2-year old granddaughter.

So she went to a City Council meeting and asked if the City could do something to spruce things up and add extra equipment. After meeting with Joe Watson, head of Parks and Recreation, they agreed to power wash the equipment, tables and benches. He also offered the remaining funds in this year's budget to take care of several other improvements

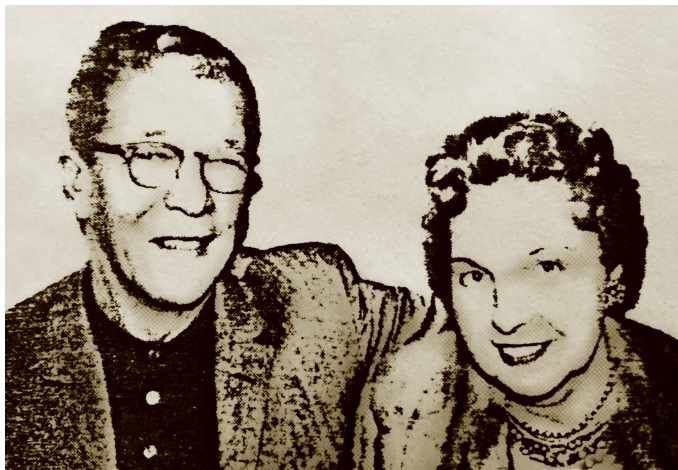


Peggy Marquardt (left) and Parks Improvement Committee member Jason Morton with his children, Sean and Karis.

she had in mind.

Peggy then went on social media and asked if anyone else was concerned and willing to help. A community workday was organized to clean up debris and paint some of the structures, and Peggy's committee is currently planning some fundraising activities to raise money for the more expensive projects, like a splash pad to go near the swimming pool at Poolside Park.

The Panorama Lions Club has already donated money to replace swings that cannot be repaired. If you would like to join the committee or donate money, call Peggy at 361-834-7420 for more details. You can also take a check to City Hall with "Park Improvements" written in the notation area, or you can go to the Lions website, panoramalions.com and use the online method to donate with PayPal or a credit card.



Jim Hamilton, shown with his wife, Mabel, was the primary developer of Panorama Village in the mid-60s.

History of Panorama to be presented Nov 11

Bob Lamons, the unofficial historian of Panorama Village, will repeat his marvelous slide show on the history of Panorama Village at a special joint evening meeting of the Panorama Garden Club and the Panorama Ladies Association on Thursday, Nov 11 at the clubhouse.

This 1-hour presentation traces the 56-year history of Panorama from its humble beginnings as a weekend golfing retreat for Houston golfers, to a 35-year run as a private Country Club facility and creation of the City of Panorama Village in 1972.

Many historical photos have been included to give you a sense of what that journey was like. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm and is open to everyone. Come early to get a good seat!

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Weston Scott was declared Panorama Golf Club Champion after a 2-day tournament held on September 25 and 26. Weston grew up in Huntsville, and participated in a lot of outdoor activities when he was young. He played baseball and ran track in high school, and was on the golf team there. He also did 4H during that time and rodeo roping.

Weston attended Sam Houston State University where he was the Golf Champion there. He graduated in 2001 and after 9/11 he enlisted in the Army. While serving as an infantryman he had four deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and retired in 2013.

Golf has always come easy for him,



and after the service he found it to be his happy place where he could relax his mind. Scott enjoyed a very close relationship with his grandfather and attributes that to his good work ethic and knowing how to be a good father to his two small children.

The game of golf helped Weston after he left the military. He feels he has a strong, solid

mental game that allows him to use his imagination when creating different shots. He tries not to labor over his shot too long. Once he decides what his shot will be, he sets up and executes.

He hits long and accurately, and also has a good short game. He uses a TaylorMade SIM2 low spin 7.5° driver with a Tour X shaft. He also uses Titleist AP2

irons and wedges. His ball of choice is Titleist Pro V1. He says his Secret Weapon is his 2 iron which I believe he said he could hit 280 yards for different shots both high and low.

Weston said he has always known about Panorama but had played when it was in bad shape so he didn't come back. Later when he heard things had improved, he came back and began to play regularly when he saw the improved shape of the course. He joined PGC as a member in 2019 and enjoys playing with the High Rollers.

I didn't know Weston before interviewing him, but certainly enjoyed talking with him. I appreciate him sitting down and being so candid about his life and his golf game. He seems to know his priorities and goals, and is working toward providing a good life for his kids as they mean the world to him. BTW he is 6'8" people always wonder and ask!!

Farewell to Lisa!

A special reception will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, December 1 to bid retiring City Secretary Lisa Evans farewell after 26 years of service to the City. Refreshments will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. You can also meet Lisa's replacement, Angela Wallace. Please drop by for a visit.

Lions Christmas Party returning Dec 7

After a 1-year pandemic-induced hiatus, the Panorama Lions are bringing back their fabulous Christmas party featuring the acclaimed Willis High School Jazz Band on Tuesday, December 7.

The evening begins at the clubhouse with a social and cocktail hour at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:00 and the band concert at 7:00 pm. The cost of dinner is \$28 per person and includes your choice of steak or chicken entrée. Reservations can be made online at panoramalions.com with payment by PayPal or credit card. The deadline for reservations is noon on Monday, Nov 29th.

For more information, call Sharon Aurich at 281-979-6839. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to kick off the holidays with a fun evening of good food, hospitality and Christmas music with a jazz flavor. It's well worth your consideration.

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